

Vivian Shimoyama, Chair  
John Thomas, Vice Chair  
Milton Duena, Commissioner  
Erica Jacquez, Commissioner  
Austin Metoyer, Commissioner



Kevin Noertker, Commissioner  
Nima Novin, Commissioner  
Jayro Sandoval, Commissioner  
Robert Smith, Commissioner  
Brenda Wunsch, Commissioner

## FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

At 3:10 PM, Chair Shimoyama called the meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL

**Commissioners Present:** Jacquez, Metoyer, Noertker, Novin, Sandoval, Smith, Wunsch, Thomas, Shimoyama

**Commissioners Absent:** Duena

Also present: Julian Cernuda, Business Development Bureau Manager, Atoy Wilson, Deputy City Attorney, Vanessa Hall, City Clerk Specialist.

Chair Shimoyama spoke; and announced that Commissioner Duena was excused from the meeting.

### REGULAR AGENDA

1. 25-54526 Recommendation to approve the minutes for the Economic Development Commission meeting of Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jacquez, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 Jacquez, Metoyer, Noertker, Novin, Sandoval, Smith, Wunsch, Thomas, Shimoyama  
**No:** 0 None  
**Recused:** 0 None  
**Abstain:** 0 None  
**Absent:** 1 Duena

2. 25-54527 Recommendation to receive and file an update on Long Beach Economic Partnership (LBEP) and upcoming 2025 activities.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner**

**Sandoval, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:**        8   Jacquez, Metoyer, Noertker, Novin, Sandoval, Wunsch, Thomas, Shimoyama  
**No:**         0   None  
**Recused:** 0   None  
**Abstain:** 0   None  
**Absent:**   2   Duena, Smith

Leah Goold-Haws, President/CEO, Long Beach Economic Partners, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Noertker spoke.

Leah Goold-Haws, President/CEO, Long Beach Economic Partners, spoke.

Commissioner Novin spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Novin and Leah Goold-Haws, President/CEO, Long Beach Economic Partners.

Vice Chair Thomas spoke.

Leah Goold-Haws, President/CEO, Long Beach Economic Partners, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Thomas and Leah Goold-Haws, President/CEO, Long Beach Economic Partners.

Chair Shimoyama spoke.

Leah Goold-Haws, President/CEO, Long Beach Economic Partners, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Shimoyama and Leah Goold-Haws, President/CEO, Long Beach Economic Partners.

3.    25-54530    Recommendation to receive and file an update from World Trade Center and upcoming 2025 activities.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Sandoval, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:**        9   Jacquez, Metoyer, Noertker, Novin, Sandoval, Smith, Wunsch, Thomas, Shimoyama

**No:** 0 None  
**Recused:** 0 None  
**Abstain:** 0 None  
**Absent:** 1 Duena

Chair Shimoyama spoke.

Felipe Cusnir, Executive Director, Long Beach World Trade Center, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Vice Chair Thomas spoke.

Felipe Cusnir, Executive Director, Long Beach World Trade Center, spoke.

Commissioner Jacquez spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Jacquez and Felipe Cusnir, Executive Director, Long Beach World Trade Center.

Commissioner Sandoval spoke.

Felipe Cusnir, Executive Director, Long Beach World Trade Center, spoke.

Chair Shimoyama spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Shimoyama and Felipe Cusnir, Executive Director, Long Beach World Trade Center.

4. 25-54529 Recommendation to receive and file Executive Director's Report.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Sandoval, seconded by Commissioner Noertker, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 Jacquez, Metoyer, Noertker, Novin, Sandoval, Wunsch, Thomas, Shimoyama  
**No:** 0 None  
**Recused:** 0 None  
**Abstain:** 0 None  
**Absent:** 2 Duena, Smith

Julian Cernuda, Business Development Bureau Manager, Economic Development, spoke.

Commissioner Metoyer spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Business Development Bureau Manager, Economic Development, spoke.

Chair Shimoyama spoke.

Commissioner Wunsch spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Business Development Bureau Manager, Economic Development, spoke.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

### **ADJOURNEMENT**

At 4:34 PM, there being no objection, Chair Shimoyama declared the meeting adjourned.